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In re the Patent Application of) Group Art Unit 2876
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 Application No. 09/580,542)
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 For: ELECTRONIC MONEY SYSTEM AND)
 TRANSACTION METHOD USING THE)
 SAME)

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the non-final Official Action mailed on February 27, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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The present invention relates generally to an electronic money system and an electronic money terminal used therein, and more particularly to an electronic money system, as well as to an electronic money terminal, operative with the use of a portable electronic device which is typically but not exclusively an information card storing monetary value data. The invention also is concerned with a transaction method which uses the electronic money system.